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TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, ET, US

SUBJECT: EPMG PROTEST RE VOA

REF: ADDIS ABABA 1907

1. ETHIOPIAN CHARGE MEKBIB, ON INSTRUCTION FROM HIS GOVT, CALLED ON MULCAHY FEBRUARY 19 TO FORMALLY REGISTER EPMG'S PROTEST RE VOA BROADCAST REFTEL. HE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZED THAT AMERICAN PRESS WAS INDEPENDENT AND NOT SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENT CONTROL, AND THEREFORE VIEWED PRESS REPORTAGE PHILOSOPHICALLY. HOWEVER, WHEN VOA, OFFICIAL ORGAN OF USG ABROAD, BROADCASTS STATEMENTS CONCERNING DELICATE U.S.-ETHIOPIAN NEGOTIATIONS, IT COULD JEOPARDIZE THOSE NEGOTIATIONS AND U.S.-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS GENERALLY.

2. MULCAHY EXPLAINED THE RELATIVE AUTONOMY OF VOA AND FACT THAT, ALTHOUGH ITS BROADCASTS GENERALLY STAY WITHIN POLICY GUIDELINES, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO CLEAR EACH NEWS BROADCAST  
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IN ADVANCE. SUBJECT BROADCAST, WHILE UNOBJECTIONABLE IN

SUBSTANCE, WAS UNFORTUNATELY WORDED IN MANNER THAT LINKED  
ETHIOPIAN ARMS REQUEST TO WAR IN ERITREA. REPORT DREW  
PRIMARILY ON STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT. MULCAHY  
SAID WE HAD SPOKEN WITH VOA ABOUT THIS PROBLEM AND ASKED  
THAT THEY SCRUTINIZE THEIR REPORTS CAREFULLY IN THE FUTURE.  
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